



BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004

Bethel Census Area , Alaska [02050]

Bethel Census Area is one of 27 counties in Alaska. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2004 population of 16,857 ranked 6th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Bethel Census Area had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,113. This PCPI ranked 25th in the state and was 71 percent of the state average, \$33,941, and 73 percent of the national average, \$33,157. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.5 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 4.2 percent and the national change was 5.2 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Bethel Census Area was \$16,878 and ranked 24th in the state. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.1 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Bethel Census Area had a total personal income (TPI) of \$406,480*. This TPI ranked 8th in the state and accounted for 1.8 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Bethel Census Area was \$249,536* and ranked 9th in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected an increase of 4.4 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.9 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Bethel Census Area. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 65.6 percent of TPI (compared with 65.3 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 6.4 percent (compared with 9.5 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 28.0 percent (compared with 25.2 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings increased 7.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 6.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 2.3 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 5.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.1 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bethel Census Area increased from \$274,094* in 2003 to \$295,586* in 2004, an increase of 7.8 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 7.6 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of \$177,657* to the 2004 estimate was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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